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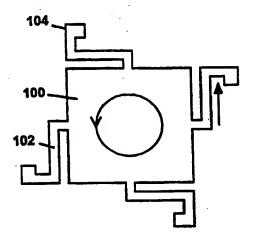
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The invention features an interferometric modulator comprising a cavity defined by two walls. At least two arms connect the two walls to permit motion of the walls relative to each other. The two arms are configured and attached to a first one of the walls in a manner that enables mechanical stress in the first wall to be relieved by motion of the first wall essentially within the plane of the first wall.



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1. Claims: 1-15,23,24

An interferometric modulator comprising a cavity defined by two walls wherein the first wall is movable relative to the second wall and within the plane of the first wall

2. Claims: 16-18

Interferometric modulator comprising three walls and control circuitry for driving at least one of three walls

3. Claims: 19-20

an interference modulator comprising spacers mounted to form part of one of the walls

4. Claims: 21,22,25

Interference modulator comprising means to control the response time of the modulator

5. Claim: 26

Interferomtric modulator comprising a charge deposition mitigating device

6. Claims: 27-32

An interferometric modulator, comprising walls and a support and at least one of the walls or the support comprising at least two materials

7. Claims: 33-38,44-48

A method of etching and patterning a microelectromechanical structure

8. Claims: 39-43

a method of making arrays of microelectromechanical structure on a production line

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